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1. INDOCHINA

UN WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AGREES PROVIDE 35 MILLION DOLS IN
FOOD AID TO VN, WHICH BELONGS NEITHER TO PROGRAM NOR UN
(WP; CSM). US APPARENTLY DID NOT OBJECT (CSM).

ONLY 127 MI OF TRACK REMAIN BE LAID TO RESTORE HANOI-
SAIGON RAIL LINK (REUTER TOKYO).

NEARLY 500 SAIGON DRUG ADDICTS REPORTEDLY CURED BY
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ACUPUNCTURE, TRADITIONAL MEDICINE (REUTER, LAT 9/26).

CAMBODIAN PREMIER POL POT (TOL SAUT) TEMPORARILY REPLACED,
DUE HEALTH REASONS, BY PEOPLE'S ASSY CHMN MUON CHEA (WP;

AFP, NYT).

2. THIRTY-THREE VIET REFUGEES ARRIVE KOBE ON UK TANKER. ALLOWED LAND TEMPORARILY, LEAVE FOR RC SETTLEMENT. VESSEL PICKED THEM UP IN S CHINA SEA; REFUGEES ASKED FOR US ASYLUM (AP, LAT 9/26).

3. THAILAND

KITTIKACHORN REJECTS RTG REQUEST THAT HE LEAVE COUNTRY (REUTER, BANGKOK).

4. PHILIPPINES

SECURITY PACIFIC BANK SELLS 22.5 PCT INTEREST IN PHIL INVESTMENT BANK TO FIL MAJORITY STOCKHOLDERS (WSJ).

5. MALAYSIA

GOM CONSIDERING FUND TO COMBAT OIL, OTHER POLLUTION IN MALACCA STRAIT; WOULD ASK FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NATIONS WHOSE SHIPS USE STRAIT (AP, WP).

6. CHINA

NCNA REPORTS SCHLESINGER MET YEH CHIEN-YING 2 AND HALF HOURS MONDAY, EXCHANGED VIEWS ON "QUESTIONS OF COMMON CONCERN"; SEVERAL OTHER HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE MIL/DIPLO OFFICIALS ALSO AT MEETING (PHING, NYT).

ERDA SAYS PRC'S LATEST NUKE TEST WAS IN 20 - 200 KILOTONS RANGE, CONDUCTED IN ATMOSPHERE, STAGED AT LOP NOR SITE (REUTER WASHINGTON).

TSINGHAI PROVINCE CCP CMTE CALLS FOR CRACKDOWN ON "TINY GROUP OF CLASS ENEMIES" SPREADING RUMORS, INSTIGATING STRIKES, ENGAGING IN SABOTAGE/LOOTING, OTHER VIOLENCE. UNCLASSIFIED

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UPI (HK) NOTES THIS IS FIRST REPORT OF SUCH CIVIL DISORDERS SINCE MAO'S DEATH. NO INDICATION WHEN DISTURBANCES OCCURRED, BUT PROVINCIAL DEMAND FOR ACTION AGAINST TROUBLEMAKERS CAME IN MEETING THAT BEGAN THREE DAYS AFTER MAO'S FUNERAL -- MEETING BELIEVED BY CHINA ANALYSTS FIRST IN SERIES AS POST-MAO POWER STRUGGLE DEVELOPS (WP).

DIPLO OBSERVERS CONTEND CHINESE REPORTS ON THIS SUMMER'S GRAIN HARVEST FORECAST RELATIVELY SMALL INCREASES IN PRODUCTION. SEE DISPUTE OVER PORTION OF CROPS GOING TO STATE--AGE-OLD CHINESE PROBLEM OF GRAIN LEVIES (REUTER, NYT).

7. KOREA

WSTAR (9/27) CARRIES TOKYO ITEM RE KCNA CHARGES OF UNC "PROVOCATIONS" WITHIN JSA -- ALLEGED THAT UNC GUARDS THREW STONES AND PROPAGANDA BOOKLETS AT NK POST 9/24, "BRANDISHED DAGGERS AND CLUBS AND SHOUTED AT" NK GUARD 9/25. PHINQ PRINTS SEPARATE KCMA ALLEGATION JAPAN USING MILITARY VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT TO HARASS NK MERCHANT SHIPS OFF JAPAN -- ACTS CALLED "CRIMINAL" AND "PROVOCATION" -- SPECIFIC HARASSMENT 9/23 OF NK VESSEL "SAGUN" IN TSUGARU STRAITS CLAIMED.

8. JAPAN

LYUDMILA BELENKO, WIFE SOV MIG-25 PILOT, SAYS USSR GAVE OFFICIAL ASSURANCE HE WOULD FACE NO PUNISHMENT IF DECIDED RETURN HOME. HER STATEMENT CONFIRMED AT TUES PRESS CONF BY SOV FONMIN OFFICIAL, WHO ALSO WARNED US/ JAPANESE ACTIONS COULD ONLY AROUSE "LEGITIMATE INDIGNATION OF ALL SOVIET PEOPLE." MRS BELENKO SAID FAMILY SENT PERSONAL APPEALS BY LETTER/TELEGRAM TO FORD FOR HELP IN SENDING PILOT HOME. SOVIET OFFICIAL CLAIMED REPORTS BELENKO DELIBERATELY FLEW PLANE INTO JAPAN, WANTED ASYLUM IN US WERE LIES (REUTER MOSCOW).

MEANWHILE, "AVIATION WEEK" MAG REPORTS BELENKO HAS TOLD US INTELL INTERROGATORS PLANE HAS SEVERAL PROBLEMS AF- UNCLASSIFIED

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FECTING OVERALL PERFORMANCE--DOWNGRADING ALLIED ESTIMATES WHICH RATE JET AMONG BEST INTERCEPTORS IN WORLD (UPI CHITRIB). USAF TECHNICIANS PRESENTLY DISSECTING JET CONFIRM "FOXBAT" REPUTATION AS INTERCEPTOR NOT DESERVED, ALTHOUGH SPEED-WISE, IS 30 PCT FASTER THAN BEST US FIGHTER (VOLKMAN, LAT 9/26).

UPI REPORTS 11-MAN USAF SYSTEMS COMMAND TECHNICAL TEAM HELPING JAPANESE AUTHORITIES DISMANTLE MIG (CHITRIB), BUT JAPANESE PAPERS REPORT ABOUT 20 AMCITS, BELIEVED MIL EXPERTS, SIGHTED AT AIRBASE OUTSIDE TOKYO (WP).

ECON SURVEY PRODUCED BY NEWSWEEK INTL AND UNIV PENN FORECASTS GRIM FUTURE FOR US/ITALY/UK, BUT PAINTS ROSIER PICTURE FOR JAPAN, WHERE RECOVERY SAID BE "SPARKED BY STRONG EXPORT GROWTH AND VERY SUBSTANTIAL TRADE SURPLUSES"DESPITE SOME APPRECIATION IN YEN EXCHANGE RATES (AP PHINQ, CHITRIB).

HIGH-RANKING CANADIAN NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT CORP OFFICIAL TELLS NEWSMEN JAPAN HAS SHOWN INTENSE INTEREST IN PURCHASING CANDU REACTOR. TRUDEAU EXPECTED LAUNCH SUPPORT-

ING SALES EFFORT DURING TOKYO VISIT LATER THIS YR. MITI EXPECTS WOULD COST JAPAN 1 MIL DOLS PREPARE FOR IMPORTATION CANDU REACTOR, INCLUDING STUDYING DEVELOPMENT ANTI-QUAKE SAFETY MEASURES (CULLISON, JOC).

JAPANESE/AUSSIE BUSINESSMEN WILL MEET IN NAGOYA OCT 19-21 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL TRADE (JOC).

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FINMIN ANNOUNCED MONDAY AUGUST'S NET FOM INVESTMENT IN JAPANESE SECURITIES/BONDS AMOUNTED TO 132.53 MIL DOLS (JOC).

KENZO UKUZAKI, IMPRISONED IN 1969 FOR THROWING PINBALL AT HIROHITO, NEARLY HITTING HIM, SENTENCED TO 14 MONTHS HARD LABOR AFTER TOKYO COURT FOUND HIM GUILTY OF DISTRIBUTING 3600 FALSE, COMPOSITE PIX SUPPOSEDLY REPRESENTING EMPEROR, MEMBERS IMPERIAL FAMILY (NYT).

LA POLICE CHIEF DAVIS, ADDRESSING OTHER MAJOR CITY CHIEFS UNCLASSIFIED

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IN VA, CITES DAVID BAYLEY ARTICLE IN "PUBLIC INTEREST" JOURNAL WHICH POINTS OUT JAPAN HAS ASTONISHINGLY LOW CRIME RATE FOR INDUSTRIALIZED NATION: PERSON 10 TIMES MORE LIKELY BE MURDERED IN US THAN JAPAN; 13 TIMES MORE LIKELY BE RAPED; 208 TIMES MORE LIKELY BE ROBBED. BAYLEY NOTES MOST JAPANESE NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE CRIME PREVENTION ASSNS COMPOSED OF CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS; ORDER MAINTAINED THROUGH "ACTIVE INFORMAL SUPERVISION" PERSONAL BEHAVIOR BY FAMILY, WORKMATES, NEIGHBORS. DAVIS BELIEVES SAME IDEAS CAN WORK IN US (MCCOMBS, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

IN HK, LAT'S LESLIE (9/26) REPORTS US BUSINESS FIRMS THERE ANXIOUS DO BUSINESS WITH VN, FEAR LOSING MARKET TO JAPAN/EUR WHILE WASHINGTON/HANOI CONTINUE ENMITY. NOTES AM CH OF COMM ALREADY FORMED VN COMML RELS CMTE. REVIEWS BARRIERS TO TRADE/VISITING; SAYS LITTLE HOPE SEEN FOR IMMEDIATE MODIFICATION US STANCE. STATES ENTHUSIASM FOR VN BY BUSINESSMEN DUE BELIEF HANOI FAR MORE FLEXIBLE, ALERT TO FIRMS' NEEDS THAN PRC, PRODIGIOUS ASSETS LEFT BEHIND BY US (ESTIMATED WORTH 12 BILLION DOLS), VN'S POTENTIAL EXPORTS/IMPORT NEEDS, WELCOME GIVEN FOREIGN INVESTMENT. OPINES FOR NOW US FIRMS SUFFER FROM WHAT THEY V-EW AS USC'S HOSTILITY TOWARDS VN.

10. IMF/WB

STABLER (WSJ) REVIEWS ISSUES ARISING FROM EMERGING NATIONS'

DEBTS THAT WILL COME UP AT MANILA MTG. OPINES MORATORIUM QUESTION WILL BE DISCUSSED, BUT FEW BANKERS REGARD IT AS REAL THREAT.

11. KOREA

NYT CARRIES 9/21 LETTER FROM REV. CHULHO AWE OF ELMHURST'S KOREAN SEAMEN'S CHURCH AND INSTITUTE, REBUTTING GREG HENDERSON ET AL 9/18 LETTER SAYING RELIGIOUS WORSHIP IN ROK SUBJECT POLICE SURVEILLANCE. AWE DEFENDS MYONGDONG UNCLASSIFIED

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AS DUE PROCESS LAW, AND OUTLINES "HARSHER" SITUATION NK, WHERE ONE CANNOT MEET PRAY TO ANY DEITY BUT KIM IL SUNG.

FORMER UNIFICATION CHURCH MEMBER CHRISTOPHER ELKINS, TESTIFYING BEFORE HIRC FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE 9/27, REPEATED STORY "MOONIES" CAMPAIGNED FOR 2 CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS IN 1974 CONGRESSIONAL RACE, AND LOBBIED FOR MILITARY AID TO ROK. ELKINS ALSO SAID 9/24 CHURCH PLOT TO THROW EGGS AT JAPANESE EMBASSY AND AMBASSADOR HERE DURING PERIOD PARTICULAR JAPAN-ROK TENSION CALLED OFF AFTER PRES FORD CONFIRMED SEOUL STOP ON EA TRIP. CHURCH PRES NEIL SALONEN DENOUNCED ELKINS' CHARGES, TERMED HILL INVESTIGATION MOON-KCIA LINK "OUTRAGEOUS...HARASSMENT OF OUR CHURCH, AND ORCHESTRATED TRIAL-BY-MEDIA " (WP, REUTER 9/27).

12. CHINA

SUN'S ISAACS (HK) FINDS PEKING'S CANCELLATION THIS YEAR'S NATION DAY RECEPTION BAD NEWS FOR CHINA-WATCHERS TRYING ASSESS POST-MAO PRC, SINCE THIS ONE OF VERY FEW OCCASIONS WHEN LEADERSHIP CHANGES CAN BE SPOTTED BY FOREIGN OBSERVERS.

WP'S MATHEWS, IN HK, REPORTS VIEW OF KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES THERE THAT CONTINUED CHINESE SENSITIVITY TO POTENTIAL NEW NATURAL DISASTERS HAS LED THEM ISSUE EARTHQUAKE ALERTS IN THREE WIDELY SEPARATE PARTS OF COUNTRY. SOURCES ALSO SAY CHINESE EFFORTS TO RECOVER FROM SUMMER'S EARTHQUAKES AND GUARD AGAINST NEW ONES, ALONG WITH GRIEF OVER MAO'S DEATH AND COMPLICATIONS IN HANDLING HIS REMAINS, MAY DELAY ANY CCP CENTRAL CMTE MEETING TO CONSIDER LEADERSHIP SHIFTS.

LAT'S LESLIE (HK 9/26) THINKS IT SAFE TO PREDICT CHANGES IN INTERNAL PRC POLICIES WILL BE MADE CAUTIOUSLY; BUT IN FOPOLICY, MOST CHINA OBSERVERS IN HK BELIEVE LEADERSHIP WILL EXERCISE EVEN GREATER CAUTION. ONE REASON IS THAT NEW LEADERS LACK MUCH FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERIENCE; ANOTHER IS THAT FOPOLICY LINE MAO ESTABLISHED IN RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN MORE CONSISTENT THAN FREQUENTLY WAVERING POSITIONS CHAIRMAN TOOK IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, LEAVING NEW LEADERS

LITTLE ROOM FOR MANEUVER. SINCE NONE HAS ANYTHING LIKE
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MAO'S STATURE, ANYONE TRYING CHANGE FOPOLICY IS LIKELY
BE CHARGED WTH OPPOSING MAO'S THOUGHTS.

LESLIE (TAIPEI 9/25), STATING THAT PERHAPS NO NON-COMMUNIST
GOVT INDULGES IN SUCH GRANDIOSE RHETORIC AS ROC, OBSERVES
ROC OFFICIALS "PREDICTABLY" HAVE RESPONDED TO MAO'S DEATH
WITH VICIOUS ATTACKS ON HIS CHARACTER, AND HAVE PROMISED

TAIWAN'S PEOPLE THAT TIME NEARING WHEN MAINLAND WILL BE
RECOVERED. MAINTAINS CCK'S APPEALS FOR DESTRUCTION "MAO
SYSTEM RULE" ARE IRRELEVANT TO NATIVE TAIWANESE, MOST OF
WHOM INTERESTED NOT IN RECOVERING MAINLAND, BUT ONLY IN
ENSURING COMMUNIST RULE NEVER EXTENDS TO TAIWAN.

LAT (9/26) CARRIES EXCERPT FROM JEROME COHEN'S ARTICLE
OCT ISSUE "FOREIGN AFFAIRS" PROPOSING TAIWAN SOLUTIONS.

URGING ADMIN/CONGRESS ACT ON NUKE "REPROCESSING MENACE,'
WP NOTES THAT ALREADY THIS YEAR, TAIPEI "HAD SOMEHOW BEGUN"
SECRET REPROCESSING EFFORT. CITES DANGERS ELSEWHERE IN
WORLD.

13. JAPAN

CHI S-T (9/22) STATES SELLING ALASKAN OIL TO JAPAN NO
WAY CUT RELIANCE ON ARAB SUPPLIERS; BELIEVES AMERICANS
MAY DECIDE THEY'RE BEING TAKEN FOR 'SLICK RIDE" BY SOME-
ONE--MAYBE BIG OIL, MAYBE CALIFORNIA.

LOTTMAN (NYT 9/26) DOES TRAVELOGUE ITEM ON TOKYO; SAYS
WESTERNIZATION HAS REACHED POINT WHERE CITY "SEEMS TO
HAVE LEAPFROGGED" INTO 21ST CENTURY.

14. GENERAL

CDN'S SIGNER (9/22) REPORTS DATA OBTAINED FROM FEDERAL
AGENCIES SHOWS SPECIALISTS FROM SEVEN MAJOR COUNTRIES IN
WHICH NUKE ARMAMENTS QUESTION IS INCREASINGLY TOUCHY IS-
SUE--INCLUDING ROC, INDIA--HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN PLUTONIUM-
RECYCLING TECHNOLOGY AT US INSTITUTIONS OVER LAST HALF-
DOZEN YEARS. SAYS REPORTS SHOW AMONG THEM FROM ASIA ARE
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354 ROC SPECIALISTS, OTHERS FROM JAPAN, SKOREA.

SUN'S SEHLSTEDT SAYS INTL TEAM SCIENTISTS PLAN DRILL
THROUGH ANTARCTICA'S ICE SHELF FOR FIRST TIME THIS YEAR

TO DETERMINE WHAT UNUSUAL LIFE FORMS MIGHT EXIST IN WATERS BELOW. NOTES JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, NZ AMONG COUNTRIES TAKING PART. ROBINSON

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